our world be not flooded with moral sunshine, let us try to effect a reformation by beginning where the greatest responsibility lies—with *self*.

"Seek not the *world's*, but *truth's* approval first; the sense that thou hast wrought in faith, thy web of life, and shot its woof with gold of high endeavor."

Youth's Department.

Conducted by . Lottie Holsinger.

Our Scripture Lesson For Aug. 3rd.

Read Psalm 51 : 1—19.

In this lesson we have an opportunity of studying the character of true repentance. David was passing through a very dark period of his life. In asking God to pardon his sin, he does not ask Him to remember the good he has done, but according to His loving-kindness David asks for mercy. That is a great lesson to keep. When we ask pardon, we must not think that we deserve it, but trust to God's tender mercies, for He will never forsake His children when they come to him truly penitent.

We must not think that we only sin against God when we do wrong. The Hebrews had an idea that they only offended God, and if they asked pardon of God that was all that was necessary. But we have been taught to first be at peace with our brother, and if we forgive our brother's trespasses, our Father will also forgive us. Of course our chief sin is against God. We find it natural for us to sin; this, however, will not excuse us for sinning, but knowing this we must guard against wrong-doing. For help to live true lives we must go to God as did David, and plead as earnestly as he did, for the cleansing from all sin, and when we are in the sorest affliction it is then that God is nearest us. To prove our repentance we need not make any outward show, but no slaying of cattle, no torture of the body; but through love and obedience are we to gain favor from our Father.

What did David ask of God?

What did he promise to do in return for what God did for him?

How can we show repentance?

We have a good letter from Aunt Laura for next week, that will make us all feel good.

Uncle Isaac Price says he is still interested in us. He thinks our missionary club is quite a good organization and wishes it much success.

The following is a report of the Dewdrop fund for the week, ending July 31st:

Elma Armstrong	10
Kateura Wolf	10
Aunt Laura	25
Kate Yost	50
Cora Lichty, brothers and sisters	50
Previously reported	$1.70
Total	$3.15

Letters From The Children.

Dear Editor: I have often thought I would like to write for the Youths' Department, but when I see letters written by little ones from six to eight years of age, I felt a little timid, my age being twelve, and I thought I could not do as well as the little ones. I asked my parents for assistance but I could not obtain any, so I concluded to do it myself, and do the best I could. It is very interesting to read those nicely composed letters that are in the Youths' department. I go to Sabbath school every Sabbath, and have committed to memory 215 Bible verses. Miss Lottie Holsinger is my teacher and I like her very much. I will now close by asking a question: What is the the middle chapter, and the least in the Bible?

GRACE SHOEMAKER.

Ashland, Ohio

You have no need to feel timid, Gracie. Your letter is neatly written and is full of interest. It was better that you should write your letter without any assistance from your parents.

Gracie is the president of our Ashland Dewdrop club, and is a bright scholar. She has nicely said her two hundred and fifteen verses. I am pleased to introduce my scholars to the girls and boys of the Youth's Department.

Dear Sister: I will enclose you fifty cents for the Dewdrop club. It is not much but we must not despise small things. I earnestly hope and pray that this new project may meet with much success

KATE YOST.

Thank you, sister, for the letter of encouragement you sent me along with the help for our missionary club. I am glad that others can see the demand for missionary work among the young, and have also lent a helping hand to keep up an interest.

I have been wanting to write for some time but I was afraid that I could not do as well as the rest of the little boys and girls, but thought I would try. I am a little girl nine years old. I have one little brother and one little sister. My brother's name is Fountaine, and my sister's name is Docia. We have been going to school. I am going to school to a United Brethren Sunday school. Miss Ida Shul is my teacher. I like to read the letters. Mamma belongs to the Brethren church.

STELLA FELLERE.

Mulvane Kans.

You did well to try, Stella. We should not fear to make an attempt lest some one else might excel, but always willing to at least make an effort. The question had been answered before. Do not let your first effort be your last.

DEAR EVANGELIST: We live in Davis county, Kansas; have only been here a few months, and like it as a home very well, but do not get to attend Sunday school as we would like. There are none of the Brethren living in this county, so we go to Junction City. We attend Methodist church and Sabbath school some times. My folks take the EVANGELIST and like it very much. I like to read the good letters from the children's letter column. Our every day school is out; our teacher's name was Miss Waters. We all liked her very well.

How often is the word Jehovah used in the New Testament?

LABAN DAVIS.

Junction City, Kans.

We are glad to hear that you are pleased with your new home. Hope it will ever prove a pleasant one for you. Hope you may be able to attend Sunday school regularly before long.

Dear Editor: I see so many of the little folks writing letters in the EVANGELIST, so I thought I would write one. I am twelve years old. I go to Wesley Chapel Sunday school in the morning and to the Brethren's Sunday school, at Fairview in the afternoon. F. H. Grove is our superintendent, and Amanda Horner is my teacher.

SADIE AMANDA HILDEBRAND.

Mineral Point, Pa.

Glad to hear from you Sadie, and hope that you will not get tired attending two Sunday schools. Do you have the same lesson at each school?

Dear Lottie: You asked me what I was going to do during vacation. I will tell you what I have been doing this far, as near as I can. I helped papa and mamma to work, and when I have no work I study my books. I did a little like Ruth, she gleaned the barley heads after the reapers, and I picked up the wheat heads after the rake When papa raked the wheat field the rake did not gather all the wheat, and he said if I wanted money for the Dewdrop fund I should gather the wheat that the rake did not get and he would give me money. I desire to be a member of the Dewdrop club, and I will send ten cents for this time. I got acquainted with the editor of the EVANGELIST, when he was here to organize the Brethren church at Louisville. We were all very much pleased with him and wish he would come again. We will commence a grove meeting south of Louisville, on the 2nd of August and desire his presence very much. We are making preparations to build a church, then when it is done and he comes to preach in it, he will not find padlocks hanging at the doors and extra buttons inside.

KATEURA L. WOLFE.

Louisville, O.

You are a precious little Ruth and I trust you may never grow tired of your office of picking up and making use of that which has been left to waste by others. It was kind of your parents to give you an opportunity to earn something for our missionary fund. They want their little girl to make herself useful. and I feel sure she is trying to be as they desire that she should. May God bless all the little Ruths. I trust your grove meeting may be a success.

Dear Lottie: I like the children's letters so well, that I thought I must write one too. We miss our good Brethren's Sunday school that we had in Pennsylvania. We have a little over a mile to a very interesting Sunday school, in Davenport, conducted mostly by the Methodists. We have four miles to the German Baptist church, where they also have Sunday school. Their house is not quite done yet, and lately it was blown off its foundations a few feet. They raised it up again and will move the wall under it. My papa often speaks of the editor of the children's column, and we can hardly wait until one reads them aloud for us all. I would love to read letters from some of the Sunday school scholars in Meyersdale, especially in Mrs. Dr. Beachly's class, which I know must still be large, although I left it a long while ago. We like our western home. I am eleven years old. My brother and three little sisters join me in sending ten cents each, to the Dewdrop fund. CORA E. LICHTY.

Davenport, Neb

I well remember your mamma and papa, and was much pleased to hear from their little daughter, as will also many more of her friends. It was kind in your brother and sisters to join you in sending mites to the Dewdrop club. Do you see how much it increased our fund? I, too, hope you may hear from your former schoolmates through the Youth's Department.

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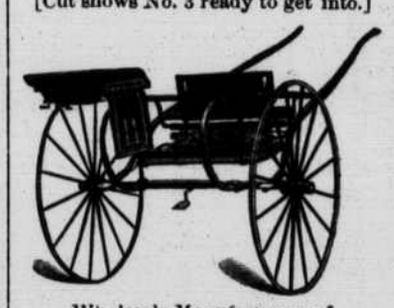

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